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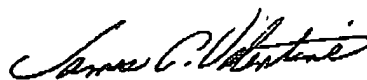
In a communication mailed 12/07/2004 pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner required the Applicant to restrict this application to one of two groups of claims. A shortened period for response was set to expire one (1) month from the mailing date.

The Applicants respectfully submit that an examination of the two groups of claims would not require substantially more resources than would an examination of the Group I claims. It is noted in this regard that Group II is comprised of only one claim. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider this requirement.

In the event the Examiner should not agree to withdraw the restriction requirement, the Applicants restrict this application to Group I (i.e., Claims 1-8) and authorize the Examiner to cancel Claim 19.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 as a result of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0947.

Respectfully submitted,



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